What is claimed is:

1. An automatic stop/start controller for a vehicle which automatically stops and starts a vehicle engine without operation of an ignition key, wherein, a control unit prevents the automatic stop of said engine if a direction indicator of said vehicle is activated, said control unit automatically restarts said engine without operation of the ignition key if said direction indicator is activated after said engine is automatically stopped, and said control unit prevents an automatic stop of said engine until a distance traveled by said vehicle after said engine is automatically started is greater than a predetermined automatic stop prohibit distance.

2. The automatic stop/start controller for the engine as defined in Claim 1, wherein said control unit sets the automatic stop prohibit distance after automatic stop as a value greater than an automatic stop prohibit distance before stop, which automatic stop prohibit distance after automatic stop is a condition to prevent the automatic stop of the engine after the engine is automatically started, and which automatic stop prohibit distance before stop is a condition for the distance of travel during the automatic stop occurs.

3. The automatic stop/start controller as defined in Claim 1, wherein a motor generator assists said engine in generating power at least while said vehicle is running.

4. The automatic stop/start controller as defined in Claim 1, wherein the controller establishes a first automatic stop prohibit distance prior to an occurrence

of an automatic stop, and establishes a second automatic stop prohibit distance subsequent to the occurrence of an automatic stop, wherein said second automatic stop prohibit distance is greater than said first automatic stop prohibit distance.